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ACTION MEMO

FOR: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FROM: ADM J. M. Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations *WR 10/11*

SUBJECT: Removal of Permanent Promotion to Lieutenant Commander ICO LT  
Gabriel K. Bradley, JAGC, USNR, 2505

- Mr. Secretary, recommend removal of LT Bradley's name from the FY-18 Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff (Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC)) promotion list.
- The FY-18 Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff (JAGC) Promotion Selection Board selected LT Bradley for promotion. He was assigned a projected date of rank of May 1, 2018. His promotion was withheld pending review of adverse information.
- On May 21, 2013, Naval District Washington (NDW) police responded to a 911 call for help from LT Bradley's spouse. She reported that LT Bradley allegedly choked and threatened to kill her following an argument. Based on the nature of the allegation, Naval Criminal Investigative Service opened an investigation. On June 19, 2013, Family Advocacy Program (FAP) did not substantiate the allegations of physical spouse abuse. On October 16, 2013, Commandant, NDW preferred court-martial charges against LT Bradley, namely two specifications of aggravated assault and one specification of communicating a threat. On December 6, 2013, an Article 32 Investigating Officer (IO) determined that reasonable grounds existed to conclude that LT Bradley committed the alleged offenses, but the charges should be dismissed based primarily on LT Bradley's spouse's declination to participate in military justice proceedings. Instead, the IO recommended that LT Bradley be required to show cause for retention in the U.S. Navy. On December 24, 2013, Commandant, NDW dismissed the charges. On January 6, 2014, the Assistant Judge Advocate General (Military Justice)/Officer-In-Charge, Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity recommended that LT Bradley be required to show cause for retention based on the nature of the allegations and the Article 32 IO's findings. On May 7, 2014, Commander, Navy Personnel Command declined to require LT Bradley to show cause for retention. This information was not available to the selection board. Additional background information is provided in TAB A.
- In his statement regarding promotion, LT Bradley states that he cooperated fully with the FAP investigation and gave multiple statements to FAP personnel. LT Bradley

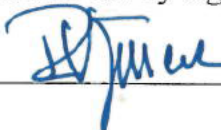
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states that throughout his active-duty career, and now as a reservist, he has always been a superb representative of the Navy to the civilian community. LT Bradley continues that no matter what collar device he wears, he will wear his uniform with honor, lead with courage, and serve with commitment.

- In his endorsement, Commanding Officer (CO), Navy Reserve Defense Service Office West, states that LT Bradley has his highest recommendation to promote to lieutenant commander and that since he affiliated with the selected reserve in September 2016, his professional performance has been exemplary. He continues that LT Bradley always volunteers to handle the most complex cases and his zealous advocacy on behalf of his clients has been phenomenal. The CO concludes that LT Bradley is a true professional and as for Navy Ethos, he is honest and respects others.
- If LT Bradley is removed from the FY-18 Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff (JAGC) promotion list, it will be considered his first failure of selection for promotion on the reserve-active status list. He has over nine years of service and is not retirement eligible. If removed, the documentation approving the removal will be included in his official record.
- After reviewing the administrative record of the underlying incident and LT Bradley's submissions, I find that his actions fell short of the exemplary conduct and good judgement expected of a naval officer. Although LT Bradley's spouse later recanted her testimony, her written statements shortly after the underlying incident and conversation with the 911 dispatcher, as well as law enforcement reports of discoloration on the spouse's neck, provide credible evidence of substandard conduct. This information was not available to the promotion selection board when it recommended LT Bradley for promotion. As a result, I do not have the necessary trust and confidence to recommend promotion to lieutenant commander at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Remove LT Bradley from the FY-18 Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander Staff (JAGC) promotion list by signing below:

Remove from promotion list: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATION: TAB B

Attachments:  
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